

Effective May 29, 2017.

**CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION STORED AS
PART OF THE PREPARATION OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE
REPORTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE CLERK OF
CERTAIN COUNTIES OR MUNICIPALITIES**

CHAPTER 249

H.B. No. 998

AN ACT

relating to the confidentiality of certain information stored as part of the preparation of campaign finance reports required to be filed with the clerk of certain counties or municipalities.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 254.0401, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) Electronic report data saved in a temporary storage location of the authority with whom the report is filed for later retrieval and editing before the report is filed is confidential and may not be disclosed. After the report is filed with the authority, the information disclosed in the filed report is public information to the extent provided by this title.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 6, 2017: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Effective September 1, 2017.

**EXCLUDING A PERSON ON THE SUSPENSE LIST FROM
JURY DUTY**

CHAPTER 250

H.B. No. 1103

AN ACT

relating to excluding a person on the suspense list from jury duty.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 62.001(d), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The list required by Subsection (a)(1) must ~~[(c) may] exclude[, at the option of the voter registrar of each county,]~~ the names of persons on the suspense list maintained under Section 15.081, Election Code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 4, 2017: Yeas 125, Nays 18, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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**ELIGIBILITY FOR THE TEXAS ARMED SERVICES
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

CHAPTER 251

H.B. No. 1117

AN ACT

relating to eligibility for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 61.9772(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) To receive an initial scholarship under this subchapter, a student must:

- (1) be enrolled in a public or private institution of higher education in this state;
- (2) enroll in and be a member in good standing of a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program *or another undergraduate officer commissioning program such as the United States Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Class* while enrolled in a public or private institution of higher education in this state;
- (3) be appointed to receive a scholarship by the governor, the lieutenant governor, a state senator, or a state representative; and
- (4) enter into an agreement with the board under Section 61.9773.

SECTION 2. Section 61.9773(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) To receive a scholarship under this subchapter, a student must enter into an agreement with the board as provided by this section. The agreement must require the student to:

- (1) complete four years of ROTC training *or complete another undergraduate officer commissioning program such as the United States Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Class*;
- (2) graduate not later than six years after the date the student first enrolls in a public or private institution of higher education in this state;
- (3) after graduation, enter into:
 - (A) a four-year commitment to be a member of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, Texas State Guard, United States Coast Guard, or United States Merchant Marine; or
 - (B) a contract to serve as a commissioned officer in any branch of the armed services of the United States;
- (4) meet the physical examination requirements and all other prescreening requirements of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, Texas State Guard, United States Coast Guard, or United States Merchant Marine or the branch of the armed services with which the student enters into a contract; and
- (5) agree to repay the scholarship if the student:
 - (A) fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress;
 - (B) withdraws from the scholarship program; or
 - (C) fails to fulfill a commitment or contract described by Subdivision (3).

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply beginning with a Texas Armed Services Scholarship awarded for the 2017–2018 academic year. A Texas Armed Services Scholarship awarded for an academic year before that academic year is covered by the law in effect when the scholarship was awarded, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.